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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6217

BILL NUMBER: SB 86

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 5, 2003

BILL AMENDED: Feb 4, 2003

SUBJECT: Lake Management Work Group.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Meeks R

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Lake Management Work Group to study issues concerning public lakes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill re-establishes the Lake Management Work Group, which expired on July 1, 2002. The Work Group had been in operation since November 1999. The Work Group would again consist of 26 members and be staffed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Providing staff to the Work Group would be considered an administrative cost absorbed by the DNR. The bill does not provide for per diem or mileage reimbursement for any of its members.

As required in the past, the Work Group must issue both an interim and a final report. Copies of the 1999 final report were printed by the Department of Environmental Management and the Legislative Services Agency. Printing costs for the reports may vary depending on the number of copies needed. The bill also provides for the Work Group to develop and maintain an Internet web site concerning lake resources. Printing costs may decrease if copies can be obtained on-line.

Both the DNR and Department of Environmental Management have web sites related to water resources. The Work Group has a web site as well. The bill's provision that requires the Work Group to develop and maintain a web site should have a minimal fiscal impact because the costs associated with maintaining a web site should be absorbed given the agencies' current resources.

The bill also provides for the Work Group to expire on July 1, 2005.

Background - The Work Group met four times during 2000. Total expenses paid by the Legislative Services Agency equaled \$1,505. In 2001, the Group met twice with total expenses paid at \$1,400. In October 2002, the Group met informally and no mileage or per diem was paid.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Natural Resources.

Local Agencies Affected:

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